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Date: May 28, 1999

Docket No.: 2282-127P (NEW)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 08/981,308 filed on December 16, 1997, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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for

MAGNETO-OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION THEREON

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

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	BASIC FEE		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	\$760.00	\$380.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	1-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	0-3 =	0	x 78 = \$0.00	x 39 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$260.00	+ \$135.00
	TOTAL		\$760.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$760.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional of co-pending Application No. 08/981,308, filed on December 16, 1997, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

b. ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional of co-pending Application No. 08/981,308, filed on December 16, 1997. Application No. 08/981,308 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP96/01938 filed on July 12, 1996 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--

6. ☐ Transfer the drawings/photographs from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

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7. ☒ Enclosed is/are nineteen (19) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
8. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. _____ on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned to HITACHI MAXELL, LTD.
10. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 11a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.
- 11b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP96/01938 filed on July 12, 1996 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application No. 7-200555 filed in Japan on July 13, 1995 under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
13. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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14. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 08/981,308 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
15. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:


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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Sir:

Attached hereto are the amended sheets filed during prosecution of the PCT parent application. Please regard these amended sheets as replacements of the similarly numbered pages of the Specification.

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